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To the King's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY.

The humble Addreſs of the Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants, and Elder Brethren of the Corporation of Trinity-Houſe of Deptford-Strond.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the antient Body Corporate of the Seamen of England, humbly beg Leave to approach your Majeſty, to expreſs the deep Concern, which, in common with all your Majeſty's faithful Subjects, We feel at the preſent diſgraceful Conduct of ſome of the Seamen of your Majeſty's Fleet, who, inſtigated, no Doubt, by the wicked Inſinuations of ſome evil diſpoſed Perſons, Enemies alike to your Majeſty's Royal Perſon, and to their Country, have been betrayed into Acts of Inſubordination and Outrage, degrading to the Character of Britiſh Seamen, hitherto as highly diſtinguiſhed for Loyalty and good Conduct, as for Intrepidity in vanquiſhing their Enemies: Impelled therefore by the Duty We owe to your Majeſty, and to our Country, We ſtep forward at this alarming Criſis to declare our Readineſs to ſupport with our Lives, ſuch Meaſures as your Majeſty in your Wiſdom may think moſt expedient to adopt for the Reſtoration of good Order and Subordination among the Seamen of your Majeſty's Fleets.

Given under our Common Seal, this Second Day of June, 1797.